

HOLD YOUR OWN Bird Count

You can participate in many great bird-watching programs like *Project FeederWatch* or the *Great Backyard Bird Count*. But first, practice up by holding your own bird count and submitting your results through *eBird*. Here are 5 tips to get you started.

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Get
familiar
with
eBird

Get familiar with eBird by visiting eBird.org or downloading the eBird app. With eBird, you can record your bird sightings and make them available for scientists and other bird watchers to use.

How many bird species do you think you can see in 15 minutes?

Consider writing them down and entering a checklist in eBird. (You'll need to register an account, so ask your parents.)

Look around on eBird.org to explore the data. For example, look up the birds that have recently been reported in your state. **Which birds in my state do I want to see?**

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Explore
data

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Sign up
for a
special
event

Both Project FeederWatch (feederwatch.org) and the Great Backyard Bird Count (birdcount.org) are excellent options. **Which count do you want to do and why?**

BIRD Facts

ATLANTIC PUFFINS

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The Atlantic Puffin has earned the nickname “sea parrot” because of its large bill.

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The two other puffins that live in the West include the Horned Puffin and Tufted Puffin.

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Birding is more fun when you get others involved. Put together some friends and make a little party of it.

Gather up friends

The friends I would pick to join me:

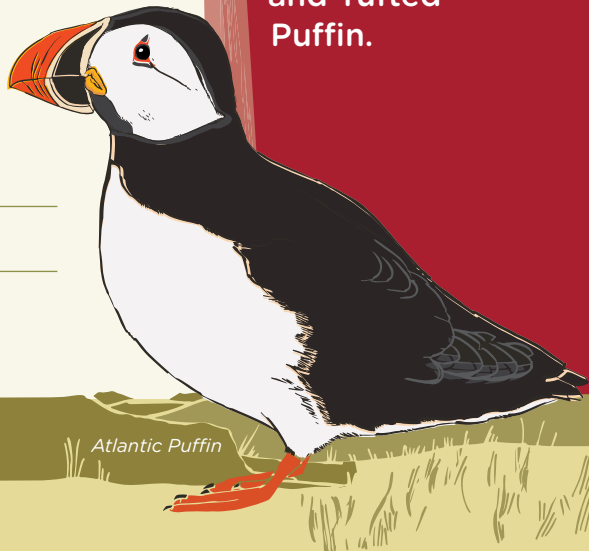


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It's fun to observe the birds, but try taking a photo and uploading it on eBird, too. You could also record a sound with a phone or tablet.

Take photos

What birds do I want to photograph?



Atlantic Puffin